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### MONTHLY UPDATE

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## US Department of Education Funding Opportunity to Enhance School Safety

The U.S. Department of Education is making \$24 million in grant funds available for schools to enhance their safety and emergency preparedness efforts. The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant competition supports efforts by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to improve and strengthen their school emergency management plans, including training school personnel and students in emergency response procedures; communicating emergency plans and procedures with parents; and coordinating with local law enforcement, public safety, public health, and mental health agencies. **The Deadline for transmittal of applications is May 21, 2007.** The application may be found at: [www.ed.gov/programs/dvpeemergencyresponse/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/dvpeemergencyresponse/index.html). OHS is pleased to provide technical

assistance to potential applicants.

In addition, listed below is a set of additional U.S. Department of Justice and other links that are available as public resources for victims and their families, as well as parents, teachers, students, administrators, community leaders and anyone seeking information on how to make our schools and campuses safer places to work, teach and study.

- ⇒ [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) – National Summit on Campus Public Safety](#)
- ⇒ [FBI: School Shootings: What You Should Know](#)
- ⇒ [School Safety Resources for Parents, Schools, Law Enforcement Officials, and Communities](#)
- ⇒ [Additional Resources for Assistance and Information on School and Campus Safety Issues](#)

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## FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Application

OHS submitted the state's \$875 million application for the competitive portion of the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant program to US Department of Homeland Security. The application includes a comprehensive, state-wide enhancement plan, an overall threat analysis and 12 investment justifications. The application is the information on which

USDHS will decide the bulk of California's homeland security funding. USDHS will now conduct a peer review of California's application as well as a risk assessment to ultimately determine the amount of homeland security funding California will receive. A decision is expected in early July.

## US Department of Homeland Security Funding Opportunity for California's Firefighters



More than \$492.3 million will be awarded this year to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency management organizations across the nation through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. OHS has been encouraging local fire departments to apply for funding under this grant, which assists first-responder organizations in purchasing response equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles. Awards are allocated through two AFG programs. The Operations and Safety program prioritizes funding for activities such as training, equip-

ment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and health and safety modifications to stations and facilities. The Vehicle Acquisition program prioritizes funding for assets such as brush trucks, tankers and tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, aerials, foam units, and fireboats.

Applicants have been encouraged to submit projects that involve more than one jurisdiction and further integrate regional response capabilities. This application period ends May 4.

Applications are available online at three locations:

[www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com),  
[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### Homeland Security Funds Available for University Police Training

OHS is working with the California Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training to revise their course offerings to better train university police on how to respond during an act of violence like that seen at Virginia Tech. Since the updated course will have a terrorism nexus, federal homeland security grants may be used to provide this training to university police officers.

Those with questions regarding these course offerings can contact Jim Ayre at [jim.ayre@ohs.ca.gov](mailto:jim.ayre@ohs.ca.gov).

### Assembly Governmental Organization Committee Passes AB 38

AB 38, legislation sponsored by the Schwarzenegger Administration and introduced by Assemblymember Nava to combine OHS and OES into a single Department of Emergency Services and Homeland Security, was passed unanimously by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. Representatives from OHS and OES testified in support of the legislation that now goes to the Assembly Appropriations Committee and full Assembly for consideration.

### Application Period for \$33.7 Million Equipment Grant Opens

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the start of the application period for \$33.7 million in equipment and equipment training awards for first responders through its 2007 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). Since its inception in fiscal year 2005, more than \$69.7 million in equipment and equipment training has been awarded through CEDAP to law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responders.

Eligibility for the CEDAP is limited to law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responder organizations with specific financial and capability needs. Equipment and equipment training awards are offered in five categories: 1.) personal protective equipment; 2.) thermal imaging, night vision, and video surveil-

lance tools; 3.) chemical and biological detection tools; 4.) information technology and risk management tools; and, 5.) interoperable communications equipment.

CEDAP equipment awards are integrated with state planning processes for regional response and asset distribution. OHS has the opportunity to review applications submitted by first responder organizations within California to ensure that equipment requests are consistent with our state homeland security strategy.

Prospective applicants may review the program solicitation through the Responder Knowledge Base at [www.rkb.mipt.org](http://www.rkb.mipt.org). The application submission period is open via the web site from April 25 - May 29.



## Community Emergency Response Team Drill in Sacramento

Sac Metro Fire is hosting a Medical Treatment Drill for their current Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members on Sat. May 19, and they are looking for "victim volunteers." The drill will be held at the Metro Fire Station #21, 7641 Greenback Lane, from 9am to Noon. Volunteer disaster "victims" will need to arrive about 0815 and should wear clothing they don't mind getting stained with make-up.

Volunteers will be positioned throughout the station area and should plan on a lengthy rest on concrete or grass (wear comfort-

able clothes), though once you are placed you can stand up and stretch.

All participants will need to sign a waiver – children are welcome but must have an adult with them to sign their waiver.

If an enticement helps, a continental breakfast will be provided.

This is a good way to see first-hand what the CERT program is all about, whether you're just curious or possibly interested in becoming a team member.

To sign up to be a "victim" or to get more information, please contact the CERT Volunteer Coordinator, Betty Taylor, by phone at 916-445-5574 (work), 916-705-0753 (cell), or 916-351-8291 (home), or by e-mail [Betty.taylor@ucop.edu](mailto:Betty.taylor@ucop.edu) (work) or [larlortaylor@earthlink.net](mailto:larlortaylor@earthlink.net) (home).

## FY 2007 Emergency Evacuation and Individuals with Disabilities (EEID) Research Grant Application

OHS submitted an \$856,792 application for a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). The Emergency Evacuation and Individuals with Disabilities research grant would provide California with additional resources to develop stronger emergency evacuation plans for individuals with physical, sensory, cognitive and/or mental im-

pairments. If funded, OHS will partner with California Department of Social Services, California Department of Rehabilitation, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol and California Department of Transportation and the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professionals at Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, California.

## FY 2007 Competitive Training Grants Program

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the release of the Fiscal Year 2007 Competitive Training Grants Program (CTGP). The CTGP solicitation will provide funding for national preparedness training initiatives that further the DHS mission of preparing the nation to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction or catastrophic events. The program awards funds to competitively selected applicants to develop and deliver innovative training programs addressing high priority national homeland security training needs. US-DHS is seeking applicants

that advance training for the following national homeland security focus areas:

- Public communications;
- Executive leadership of homeland security programs;
- Intergovernmental coordination and planning;
- Managing homeland security risks; and
- Legal issues in preparation, response, and recovery.

OHS will be reaching out to our local and university partners to pursue funds under this competitive grant.

## State of California and US Department of Homeland Security Host REAL ID Town Hall Meeting in Davis

On May 1, The State of California, through the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the US Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) hosted a town hall meeting at UC Davis to discuss issues relative to the implementation of the REAL ID Act, a law designed to improve drivers license security. Issues relative to privacy, cost, se-

curity, funding and implementation timelines dominated the forum. Given the enormous complexity and estimated \$500 million dollar price tag for implementing REAL ID in California alone, significant questions and issues remain regarding how and when REAL ID can ultimately be implemented.

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William A. Hipsley joined the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in 2003 and was appointed Deputy Director for Information Analysis by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2005. Bill's vast experience in the military and California State government make him an important asset to the Office of Homeland Security. In his current position, Bill is responsible for coordinating Homeland Security Information Analysis systems in California and their integration with local, regional and national systems; maintaining situational awareness for the Director and senior state officials on terrorist and weapons of mass destruction threats to California and the nation; and developing and maintaining ongoing threat and trend analysis to support OHS' prevention strategy.

Before his assignment as Deputy Director for Information Analysis, Bill served the Office of Homeland Security as the State Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Officer. His prior service in California Government was as the Public Safety Division Chief of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning where he directed policy, planning and grants in numerous program areas including: narcotics enforcement, crime analysis, criminal history and information systems, high technology crime, gang suppression, juvenile justice and DNA forensics. He was directly involved in the creation of the California High Technology Crime Task Forces, the DNA Program and Database for Sexual Assault Cases, the California Counter Drug Procurement Program, the California Methamphetamine Suppression Program and served on the California Attorney General's Criminal

History And Records Advisory Committee.

In September 1997, Bill retired from active duty as an Army Lieutenant Colonel, with 28 years of military experience in the Army, Army National Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps. He had extensive command and senior staff experience in operations, intelligence, training, emergency and disaster support, and interagency coordination. He enjoyed five years service as the first Commander of the statewide, active duty military, Joint Counter-Drug Task Force. The Task Force provided 450 active duty military personnel and during his command conducted over 1500 operations for 75 different federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and assisted in the seizure of over seven billion dollars in illegal narcotics. His additional experience includes the design of criminal and military intelligence systems design, strategic analysis, disaster planning and disaster relief operations.

Bill holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Management from the University of Redlands. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College and the National War College's National Security Course.

Bill lives with his wife, Victoria, of 32 years in El Dorado Hills. They have three children and four grandchildren.

